

# DOCTOR • WHO

## MINUS SEVEN WONDERS

PART ONE

EGYPT, 2375 BC...

HERE WE ARE, MARTHA - THE GREAT PYRAMID OF CHEOPS! OR AS I KNEW HIM, PHARAOH KHUFU. NICE BLOKE, YOU'D HAVE LIKED HIM. ANYWAY, THAT'S HIS TOMB.

AWESOME!

IT'LL BE THE TALLEST STRUCTURE ON EARTH FOR MORE THAN FOUR THOUSAND YEARS...

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IT'S MADE UP FROM TWO MILLION BLOCKS OF STONE, EACH ONE WEIGHING OVER TWO TONS.

IT MUST HAVE TAKEN AGES.

AND A WHOLE ARMY OF SLAVES. DID A GOOD JOB, THOUGH - YOU CAN'T GET A KNIFE BLADE BETWEEN ANY OF THE BLOCKS, THEY FIT TOGETHER SO PERFECTLY.

THEY WERE BRILLIANT, THE EGYPTIANS. GREAT MATHEMATICIANS. THEY WERE THE FIRST PEOPLE ON EARTH TO USE A 365-DAY CALENDAR.

WE DID ANCIENT EGYPT AT SCHOOL, BUT NOTHING CAN PREPARE YOU FOR THIS. IT'S AMAZING, DOCTOR!

GNNURRRGGHHHH!

HULLO - SOMETHING'S SPOOKED THE CAMELS.

DOCTOR! LOOK!

GNNURRRGGHHHH!

THE PYRAMID - IT'S VANISHING!

BUT - THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE!





THE WHOLE PYRAMID - IT'S JUST... GONE!

BUT IT CAN'T! IT SUPPOSED TO STAY HERE AND BE ADMIRERD FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS! IT CAN'T JUST DISAPPEAR!



VREE-EE-EE-EE-EE-EE

UNLESS IT JUST HAPPENED TO FALL OUT OF TIME AND SPACE, OF COURSE. WHICH IS JUST AS IMPOSSIBLE, BUT IN A DIFFERENT WAY.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

SCANNING FOR TEMPORAL SHOCKWAVES. THAT'S WHAT SPOOKED THE CAMELS.



COME ON! BACK TO THE TARDIS!



I'VE GOT A FIX ON THE TIME TRACK. IF THE TARDIS CAN FOLLOW IT, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIND OUT WHERE AND WHEN THE PYRAMID'S GONE...

BUT WHY WOULD IT GO ANYWHERE?

GOOD QUESTION - AHA! HERE WE ARE...



...THE TEMPLE OF DIANA AT EPHESUS!?

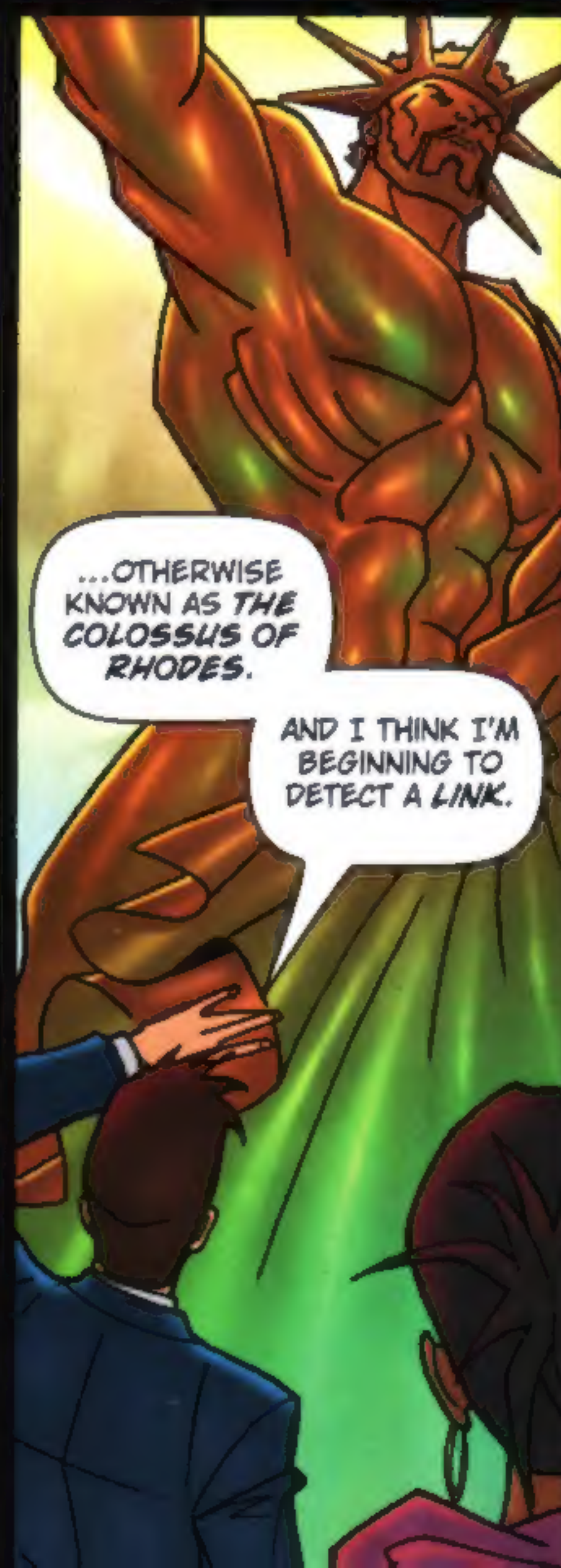
VWORP! VWORP!



UH-OH! LOOKS LIKE WE'RE TOO LATE - IT'S ABOUT TO DISAPPEAR TOO!

NO!







I'M SURPRISED AT YOU, MARTHA JONES. COME ON, THINK ABOUT IT - WHAT'S THE CONNECTION?

IT'S THE SEVEN WONDERS, ISN'T IT? OH MY GOSH - SOMEONE'S STEALING THE SEVEN WONDERS!

THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE ANCIENT WORLD! BET YOU ANYTHING...

THERE WE ARE - TOLD YOU!

THE STATUE OF ZEUS AT OLYMPIA, THAT'S GONE TOO! AND THE MAUSOLEUM AT HALICARNASSUS. FANTASTIC WORKS OF ARCHITECTURE, ALL DISAPPEARING FROM EARTH'S HISTORY AS WE WATCH.

WE'LL NEVER GET TO THE NEXT ONE IN TIME - THE TIME TRACK TO THE PHAROS LIGHTHOUSE AT ALEXANDRIA IS ALREADY FADING. BUT WE CAN GUESS WHERE THE TRAIL WILL END...


THE GREAT PYRAMID, THE TEMPLE OF DIANA, THE COLOSSUS OF RHODES, ZEUS, THE MAUSOLEUM - THAT'S FIVE. WHAT ABOUT THE REST?

THE HANGING GARDENS OF BABYLON!

WOW! I WOULDN'T LIKE THE JOB OF PRUNING THAT LOT!

I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO SEE THIS! NO ONE'S EVER WORKED OUT HOW THEY PIPED ALL THAT WATER UP FROM THE RIVER EUPHRATES.

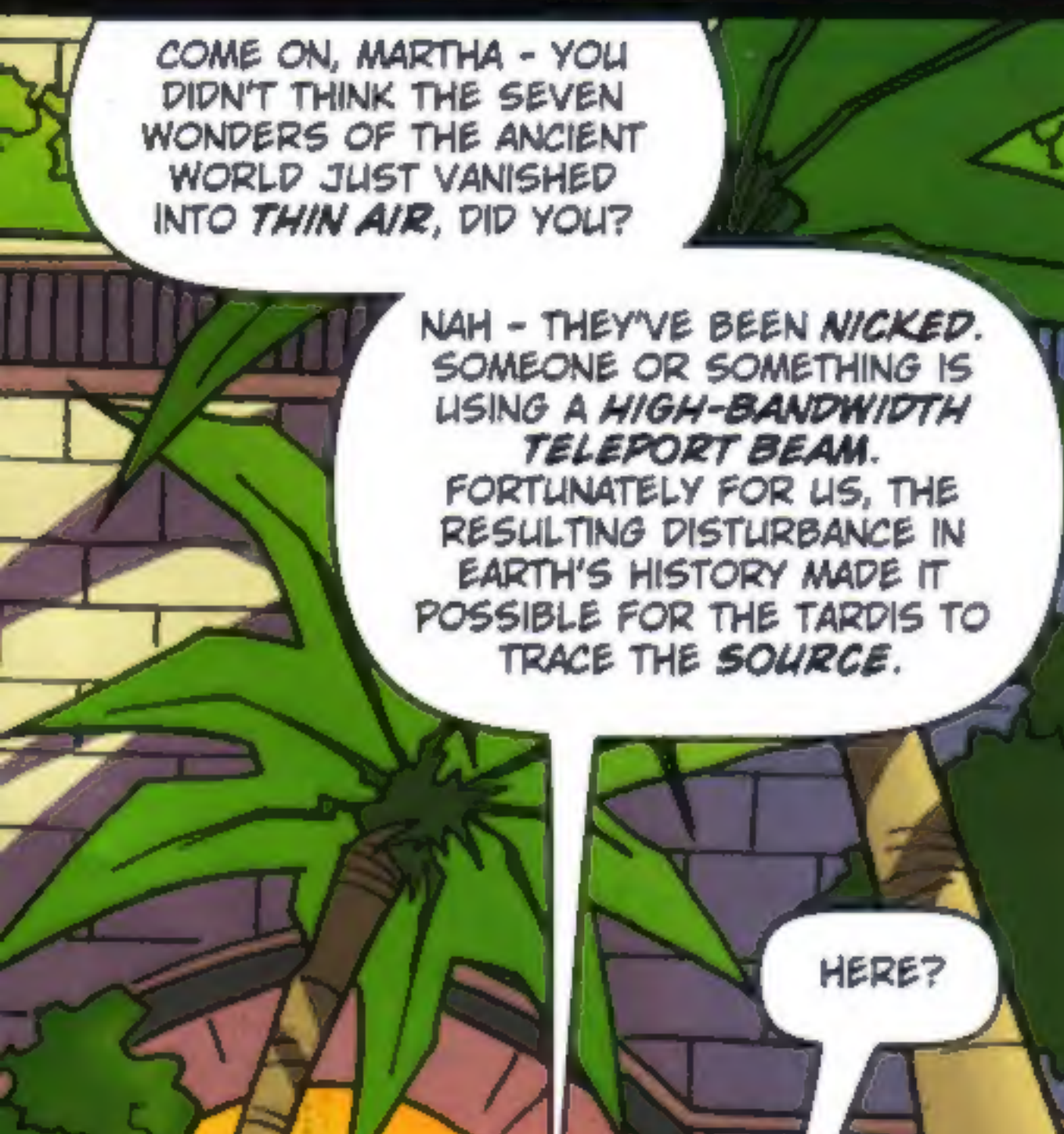




LET'S HOPE WE CAN FIND OUT BEFORE IT ALL **DISAPPEARS**.

I PROGRAMMED THE TARDIS TO **ANTICIPATE** THE END OF THE TIME TRACK. WE SHOULD HAVE HALF AN HOUR OR SO BEFORE IT'S DUE TO BE **TELEPORTED** OFF THE PLANET.

TELEPORTED?

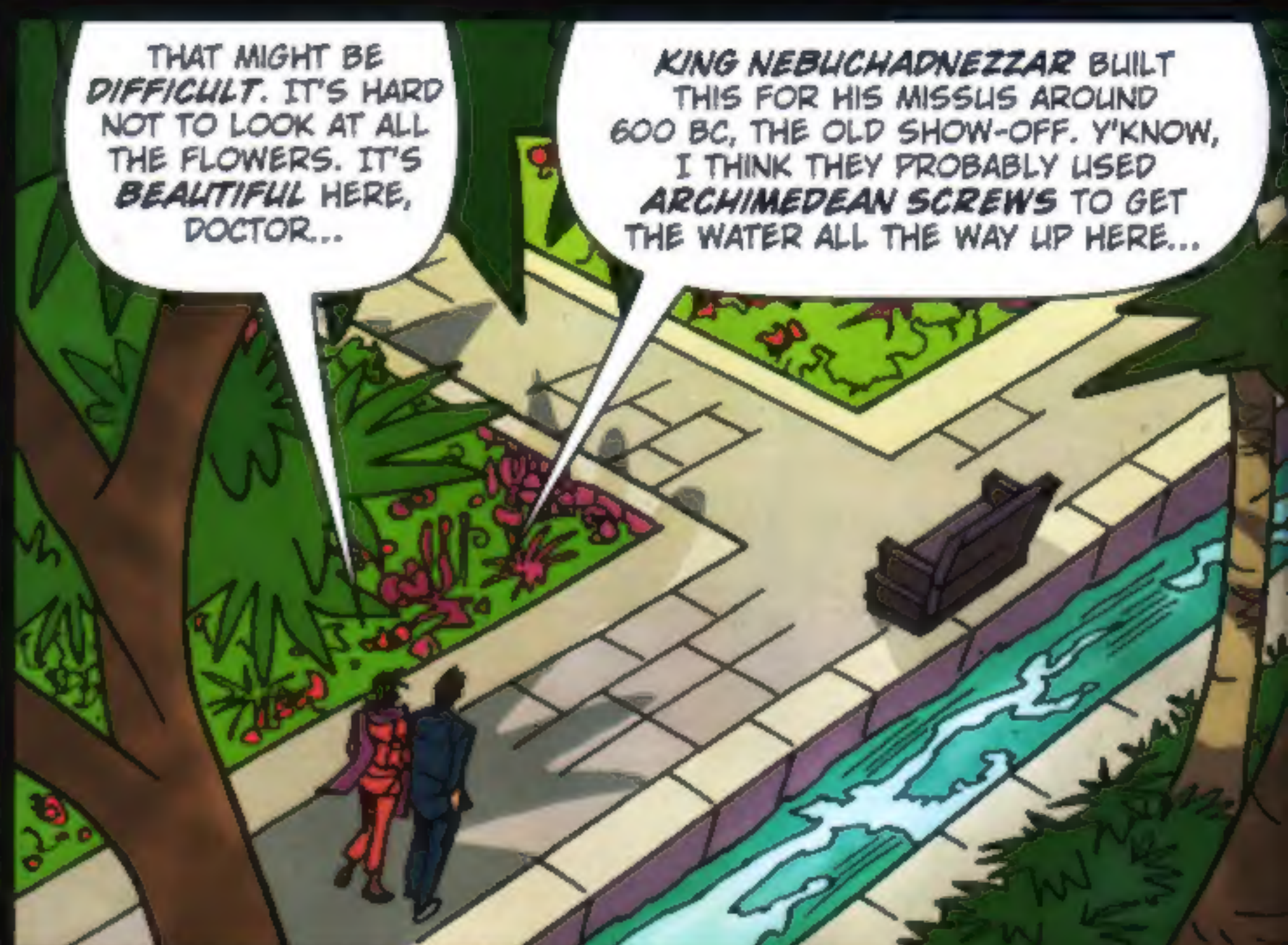


COME ON, MARTHA - YOU DIDN'T THINK THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE ANCIENT WORLD JUST VANISHED INTO **THIN AIR**, DID YOU?

NAH - THEY'VE BEEN **NICKED**. SOMEONE OR SOMETHING IS USING A **HIGH-BANDWIDTH TELEPORT BEAM**. FORTUNATELY FOR US, THE RESULTING DISTURBANCE IN EARTH'S HISTORY MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE TARDIS TO TRACE THE **SOURCE**.

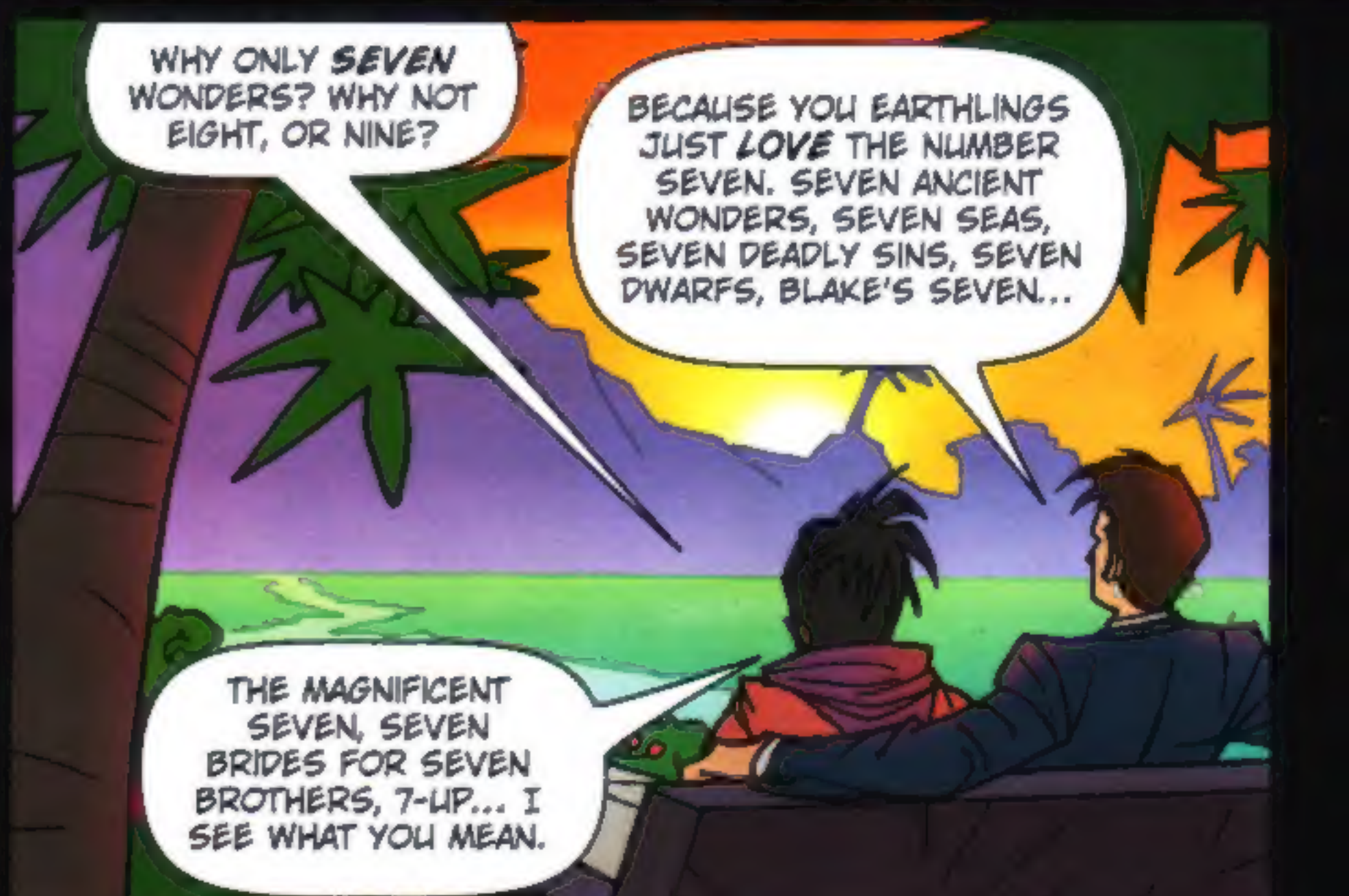
HERE?

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR ANY SUSPICIOUS LOOKING CHARACTERS LUGGING THE **FIRST SIX WONDERS** OF THE ANCIENT WORLD AROUND IN A SUITCASE.



THAT MIGHT BE **DIFFICULT**. IT'S HARD NOT TO LOOK AT ALL THE FLOWERS. IT'S **BEAUTIFUL** HERE, DOCTOR...


**KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR** BUILT THIS FOR HIS MISSUS AROUND 600 BC, THE OLD SHOW-OFF. Y'KNOW, I THINK THEY PROBABLY USED **ARCHIMEDEAN SCREWS** TO GET THE WATER ALL THE WAY UP HERE...



WHY ONLY **SEVEN** WONDERS? WHY NOT EIGHT, OR NINE?

BECAUSE YOU EARTHLINGS JUST LOVE THE NUMBER SEVEN. SEVEN ANCIENT WONDERS, SEVEN SEAS, SEVEN DEADLY SINS, SEVEN DWARFS, BLAKE'S SEVEN...

THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN, SEVEN BRIDES FOR SEVEN BROTHERS, 7-UP... I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN.



**PSST!** ARE YOU HERE TO BID FOR THE **SEVENTH WONDER**?

I CAN MAKE YOU A **GOOD OFFER** ON THE **WHOLE SET** IF YOU'RE INTERESTED.





I MIGHT HAVE GUESSED! A TALITHAN SWINDLER!

EH? WHAT DID YOU CALL ME? HOW VERY DARE YOU! WHAT A NERVE!

YOU'RE THE ONE WITH THE NERVE! DID YOU SERIOUSLY THINK YOU COULD FILCH SOME OF THE MOST FAMOUS LANDMARKS IN HISTORY WITHOUT ANYONE NOTICING?



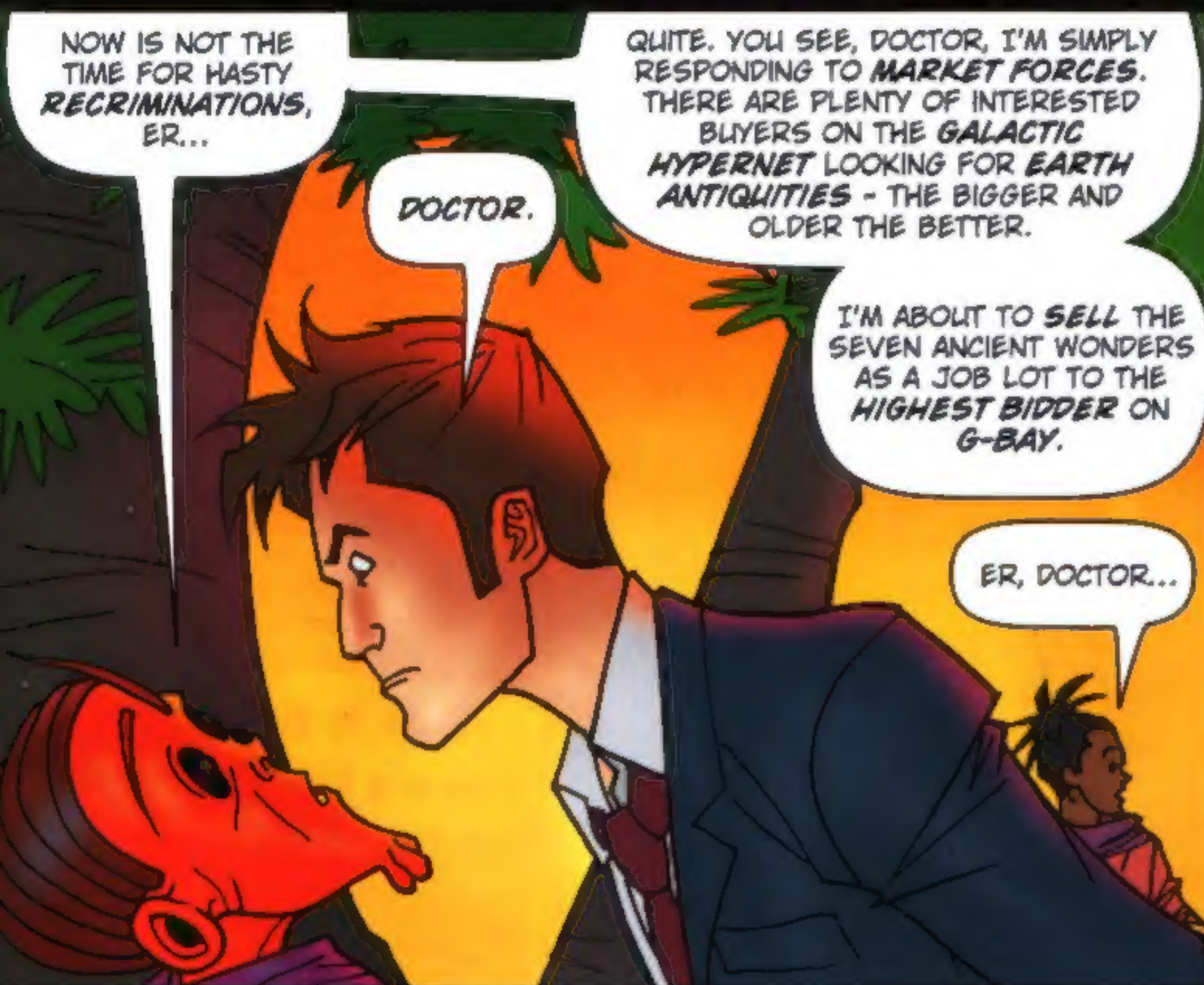
I AM PHOLONIUS GINN - DEALER IN ANTIQUITIES AND RELICS. I'M REGISTERED WITH THE GALACTIC COUNCIL, I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW!

HERE IS MY CARD.



HE'S RIGHT - THAT'S WHAT IT SAYS HERE, DOCTOR.

IT'S PSYCHIC PAPER. TAKE NO NOTICE.



NOW IS NOT THE TIME FOR HASTY RECRIMINATIONS, ER...

DOCTOR.

QUITE. YOU SEE, DOCTOR, I'M SIMPLY RESPONDING TO MARKET FORCES. THERE ARE PLENTY OF INTERESTED BUYERS ON THE GALACTIC HYPERNET LOOKING FOR EARTH ANTIQUITIES - THE BIGGER AND OLDER THE BETTER.

I'M ABOUT TO SELL THE SEVEN ANCIENT WONDERS AS A JOB LOT TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER ON G-BAY.

ER, DOCTOR...



...WE'VE GOT COMPANY.

FZZZZZZP!

PLEASE STAND ASIDE - EXCESS TRANSMAT ENERGY CAN BE HAZARDOUS TO ORGANIC LIFEFORMS.

WHO ARE YOU?



I AM SYLVEN.

I REPRESENT THE FATKAT CORPORATION.

I AM HERE TO PURCHASE PLANET EARTH - INCLUDING ITS ENTIRE HUMAN POPULATION...!

EEEEEEOOOOOWWWWWW!  
CAN THE DOCTOR SAVE THE SEVEN WONDERS? FIND OUT NEXT ISSUE!